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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Wheeling, July 29, 1863. }

To JOHN M. PHELPS, ESQ.,

President of the Senate :

SIR:—I herewith transmit a communication from His Excellency F. H. Peirpoint, Governor of Virginia, and the accompanying certificate, under the seal of that State, setting forth that in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, passed January 31st, 1863, polls were opened in the county of Berkeley, in that State, for the purpose of taking a vote on the question of said county becoming a part of this State ; from which it appears that "a very large majority of the votes cast at said election were in favor of said county of Berkeley becoming a part of the State of West Virginia," which communication and certificate you will please lay before the Senate.

A. I. BOREMAN.

WHEELING, W. VA., July 24th, 1863.

His Excellency A. I. BOREMAN,

Governor of West Virginia :

SIR:—Herewith I transmit a certificate of the result of the election in Berkeley county, on the question of its becoming part of the State of West Virginia, with the request that you give it the proper direction.

Very Respectfully, Yours, &c.,

F. H. PEIRPOINT.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. }

To His Excellency A. I. BOREMAN,

Governor of West Virginia :

WHEREAS, it is represented to me that, in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled "An Act giving the consent of the State of Virginia to the county of Berkeley being admitted to, and becoming part of the State of West Virginia," passed January 31st, 1863, polls were opened in said county on Thursday, the 28th day of May, 1863, for the purpose indicated in said act;

Now, therefore, I, FRANCIS H. PEIRPOINT, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in accordance with a provision of the Act, aforesaid, do hereby certify, that from the returns on file in this Department, a very large majority of the votes cast at said election were in favor of the said county of Berkeley "becoming part of the State of West Virginia."

Given under my hand and the seal of the Commonwealth this 22nd day of July, 1863, and
in the 88th year of the Commonwealth.

By the Governor :

F. H. PEIRPOINT.

L. A. HAGANS, *Secy of Comm'th.*